

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Regular meeting, Porter Township Board, June 14, 2011 7:00 p.m.

The meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Harvey with the pledge to the Flag.

Roll call taken. Present were Harvey, Russell, Croninger, Northrup and Wylie

Minutes reviewed and a motion made by Harvey and supported by Croninger to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report Money Market account \$278,955.92; checking account \$120,074.06 total sewer funds \$2,600,715.64 Motion made by Northrup and supported by Wylie to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read.

Williamsville Drain Report brief report on this from Dan

Fire and Ambulance report Porter calls 4 fire; 15 emergency medical, 2 good intent calls. Mason 1 fire; 17 emergency medical for a total of 45 runs for the month of May.

Building Report For May 2011 \$269,800 in new and remodeling construction.

Sewer Plant Report From Tippman

Bills township bills presented in the amount of \$150,230.89 and Sewer bills in the amount of \$53,470.49. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to pay the bills and hold the sewer bills until we get a report from the Sewer Board on the overage charges. Motion carried.

Asking the Sewer Board to look into the blockage on Rainbow Road.

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to pay \$27,805.44 of the Sewer Bills as per contract only and exclude \$25,665.05 overage until the sewer board can set up a meeting with Severn Trent and come to an agreement. Roll call vote: Harvey yes, Russell yes, Croninger yes, Northrup yes, Wylie yes. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

Gundy no report at this time.

Septage proposal Roxanne preparing Ordinance for Septage and will send to MDEQ for approval. Wylie needs to talk further with Wightman. Motion made by Russell and supported by Northrup to table. Motion carried.

Wetlands Application Wetlands meeting set for June 23 and they will go over the application again.

Verhamme Report they are complying and should be done soon and hooked to the sewer.

Hettmansberger/Mendoza Will keep checking on this.

Fire Works Report Applications have been approved for July 2 for Birch, Shavehead and Indiana Lakes. July 3 for Long Lake.

Clean-up Day report Croninger gave report. Had about the same as last year. Will send a thank you to the Sheriff's department.

Boat Launch Baldwin Lake Need to post No Parking Signs, Boat Launch Only. Will ask the Road Commission what should be on the sign. Resolution motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to request 2 signs from the Road Commission at a cost of approximately \$200 each. Roll call vote Harvey yes, Russell yes, Croninger yes, Northrup yes, Wylie yes. Resolution carried 5 yes votes. Will contact the Road commission.

Resignation Received a resignation from Pat Keirn resigning from the Township Sewer Department. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Wylie to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

Appointments Have two people we need to re-appoint to committees. Hank Yeomans needs to be re-appointed to the ZBA as his appointment is up August 9. Charles Rifenberg appointment to SEPSA ends June 9. Motion made by Croninger and supported by Russell to appoint Yeomans to the ZBA with his term ending 8/9/14 and Chuck Rifenberg to the SEPSA board with his term to end 6/9/14. Motion carried.

Investment Policy We have an investment policy already in place. Need to update it. Motion made by Russell and supported by Croninger to approve the policy with the necessary bank changes. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup yes; Wylie yes. Resolution motion carried.

Administration fee Need to update the resolution to charge administration fee on taxes. Motion made by Croninger and supported by Northrup to continue with the 1% fee for two years. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup yes; Wylie yes. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

Shavehead Cemetery Russell advised that there several stones at Shavehead cemetery that need to be repaired. Will bring this up again at another meeting.

Farmland Agreement Have a request from Jane and Terry Davis for a farmland agreement. This has been approved by the County. In the past, they have advised that the agreement not be for more than 10 years. They

are asking for 40. After discussion, Motion made by Northrup and supported by Russell to approve the application for 10 years. Motion carried.

Noxious Weeds. Nothing was decided on this. Ordinance Enforcement had asked that we set aside funds to pay for cutting if necessary.

July Board of Review Brousseau asking for July 21 for 1:30 – 3:30. Motion made by Russell and supported by Harvey to approve the date. Motion carried. This BOR is for clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact, and Homesteads only.

Planning Commission Report from Nagy. He is recommending an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. This would be included with the Zoning Ordinance rather than a new ordinance. Motion made by Harvey and supported by Northrup to approve the amendment as presented. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup; yes; Wylie yes. Motion carried.

Further discussion held on the effective date. The ordinance states eight (8) days. Motion made by Russell and supported by Wylie to change the effective date to 30 days after publication. Roll call vote: Harvey yes; Russell yes; Croninger yes; Northrup yes; Wylie yes. Motion carried.

ZBA Report Steve gave report on the Troyer appeal. They denied this one also.

Sewer Board Report from Klappauf

Sewer Department Keirn gave report for Murphy who was not in attendance.

County Commissioners Report from Bickel.

Wetlands Report from Wylie

Roads and Parks report from Fournier

Questions raised about the dock/deck on Indiana Lake.

Public Comments asked for

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Northrup to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Marty Russell
Porter Township Clerk